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SHAVN FOLLOW-UP REPORT AND REPORT ON NMAS' SHORT-TERM
MEASURES

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SUMMARY: AT THE 5 JUN 78 NPG STAFF GROUP MEEEEING, THE FRG
AND ITALIAN REPS INTRODUCED CHANGES TO PARAS 9 AND 7
RESPECTIVELY OF THE REVISED TEXT OF THE PERMREPS' REPORT
ON FREDERIKSHAVN FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS, AND THE CHAIRMAN
PRESENTED A PROPOSED APPROACH TO THE PERMREPS' REPORT ON
THE NMAS' SHORT-TERM MEASURES. THE 12 JUN 78 STAFF GROUP
AGENDA ANTICIPATES FURTHER STAFF GROUP CONSIDERATION OF
BOTH REPORTS. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 3 BELOW. END
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1. FREDERIKSHAVN FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS REPORT: AT THE 5 JUN
78 STAFF GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP (SCHLUETER) AND
ITALIAN REP (SCHENA) INTRODUCED CHANGES TO THE REVISED
TEXT OF THE PERMREP REPORT ON FREDERIKSHAVN FOLLOW-UP
ACTIONS (REFTEL A).

A. THE FRG REP SAID BONN WOULD LIKE A STATEMENT ALONG

THE FOLLOWING LINES ADDED TO THE END OF PARA 9: "AT THE SAME TIME WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT BOTH STUDY EFFORTS ARE CLOSELY RELATED AND CAN AND SHOULD BE PURSUED IN PARALLEL." BONN'S CONCERN WAS THAT LANGUAGE OF PARA 9 NOT BE MIS-UNDERSTOOD TO IMPLY THAT THE LONG-TERM STUDY WORK SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE PHASE III STUDY WAS COMPLETED. THE UK REP (HAWTIN) SAID THAT LONDON WOULD AGREE THAT WORK ON BOTH STUDY EFFORTS SHOULD PROCEED; HOWEVER, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE PHASE III EFFORT BE DRAWN TOGETHER WITHOUT DELAY SINCE LONG-TERM WORK SHOULD REFLECT AND BE CONSISTENT WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE PHASE III EFFORT. COMMENT: THE THRUST OF THE FRG-PROPOSED ADDITION TO PARA 9 APPEARS ACCEPTABLE SINCE IT SIMPLY STATES A FACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO STUDY EFFORTS AND ALLAYS FRG CONCERN THAT THERE MIGHT BE ANY DELAY IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THE LONG-TERM EFFORT. END COMMENT.

B. THE ITALIAN REP SAID THAT ROME WOULD PREFER THAT THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 7 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH WORDS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

"IN ORDER TO ALLOW MINISTERS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM TOGETHER WITH THE RESULTS OF THE OTHER EFFORTS ON TNF MODERNISATION PRESENTLY UNDER WAY(2) (HOPEFULLY AT THE SPRING 1979 MEETING) THE ANALYSIS OF DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TO MEET SUCH A REQUIRE-
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MENT, WE WILL NOW PREPARE SEPARATELY SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE TO PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF THIS WORK."

. - "FOOTNOTE (2): HIGH LEVEL GROUP FOLLOW-ON REPORT, POLITICO-STRATEGIC MARITIME STUDY AND OUR EFFORT ON SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENTS."

THE ITALIAN REP SAID THIS LANGUAGE MORE CLEARLY INDICATES ROME'S CONCERN THAT DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS BE KEPT IN PERSPECTIVE AS OTHER MODERNIZATION ISSUES ARE PURSUED, AND THAT SOME ACTION BE INITIATED NOW TO GET THE WORK UNDERWAY. THE UK REP ENDORSED THE ITALIAN SUGGESTION SAYING THAT LONDON, TOO, WAS CONCERNED THAT THE PREVIOUS WORDING HAD FAILED TO CLARIFY WHAT ACTION WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN, AND THAT WORKING UP TERMS OF REFERENCE SEEMED A REASONABLE FIRST STEP. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE ITALIAN SUGGESTION IS CONSISTENT WITH WASHINGTON VIEWS ABOUT PROCEEDING "INCREMENTALLY" (REFTEL C, PARA 5). END COMMENT.

2. SHORT-TERM MEASURES REPORT: THE CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) OUTLINED A PROPOSED APPROACH TO THE PERMREPS' REPORT ON

THE NMAS' SHORT-TERM MEASURES WHICH THE IS INTENDS TO CIRCULATE SHORTLY AND WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE BY SEPTTEL. AS OUTLINED DURING THE STAFF GROUP MEETING, THE PROPOSED APPROACH APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH WASHINGTON VIEWS IN REFTELS C AND D, IN THAT FOCUS WOULD BE ON THE MEASURES THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF ON PRODUCING A COMMENTARY ON ALL ASPECTS OF MODERNIZATION.

3. IF NECESSARY (DEPENDING ON GUIDANCE REQUESTED REFTEL

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A), THE STAFF GROUP PLANS TO DISCUSS AGAIN THE REVISED TEXT OF THE FREDERIKSHAVN FOLLOW-UP REPORT AGAIN ON 12 JUN, BEFORE ISSUING A TEXT FOR APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. INITIAL DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL VIEWS ON THE NMAS' SHORT TERM MEASURES IS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR STAFF GROUP DISCUSSION ON 12 JUN. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS/GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN REFTELS A AND B BY 12 JUN 78.
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